



Java – Polymorphism

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1. Method Overloading

- In Java it is legal for a class to have two or more methods with the same name.
- Java associates the invocation of a method with its definition relying on the number and types of arguments.
- Therefore the same-named methods must be distinguished:
 - by the number of arguments, or
 - by the types of arguments



Method Overloading...

```
/*
 *
 * Overloading Example
 */
public class Demo {
    public void test() {
        System.out.println("No parameters");
    }

    public void test(int a) {
        System.out.println("a: " + a);
    }

    public void test(int a, int b) {
        System.out.println("a and b: " + a + " " + b);
    }

    public double test(double a) {
        System.out.println("double a: " + a);
        return a * a;
    }
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Demo ob = new Demo();

    ob.test();

    ob.test(10);

    ob.test(10, 20);

    double result = ob.test(123.2);

    System.out.println("ob.test(123.2): " + result);
}
```



Method Overloading...

- Different result types are insufficient.

The following will not compile:

```
public double test(double a) {  
    System.out.println("double a: " + a);  
    return a*a;  
}  
  
public int test(double a) {  
    System.out.println("double a: " + a);  
    return (int) a*a;  
}
```



Method Overloading Example

```
public class Demo {  
    public void test() {  
        System.out.println("No parameters");  
    }  
    public void test(double d) {  
        System.out.println("Inside test(double)");  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Demo ob = new Demo( );  
        ob.test();  
        int x = 10;  
        ob.test(x);  
        double d = 1.2;  
        ob.test(d);  
    }  
}
```



2. Constructor Overloading

```
public class Rectangle {  
    private int width;  
    private int breadth;  
  
    public void setWidth(int width) {  
        this.width = width;  
    }  
  
    public void setBreadth(int breadth) {  
        this.breadth = breadth;  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Rectangle rectangle = new Rectangle();  
  
        rectangle.setBreadth(34);  
        rectangle.setWidth(12);  
    }  
}
```

- Rectangle is created at this point in the code, but without breadth and width!*
- You are relying on the Rectangle-user to know that Rectangle creation is a two-part process: one to call the constructor and one to call the setters



Constructor Overloading ...

- Using Constructor to initialize state of object
 - The best place to put initialization code is in the constructor. And all you need to do is make a constructor with arguments

```
public class Rectangle {
```

```
    private int width;  
    private int breadth;
```

```
    public Rectangle() {  
        width = breadth = 1;  
    }
```

← No argument constructor

```
    public Rectangle(int width, int breadth) {  
        this.width = width;  
        this.breadth = breadth;  
    }
```

← Constructor with arguments

```
    public Rectangle(int size) {  
        this.width = size;  
        this.breadth = size;  
    }
```

← Constructor with arguments



Constructor Overloading ...

- Things to remember:
 - A constructor is the code that runs when somebody calls “new” on a class type
 - `Rectangle rectangle = new Rectangle(4,5);`
 - A *constructor* must have the same name as the class , and no explicit return type
 - `public Rectangle(int width, int breadth)`
 - If you don't write a constructor in your class, the compiler creates a default *constructor*.
 - You can have more than one constructor in your class, as long as the argument lists are different. Having more than one constructor in a class means you have overloaded constructors



Constructor Overloading ...

```
class Circle {  
    double radius;  
    Circle(double radius) {  
        this.radius = radius;  
    }  
    public double getRadius() {  
        return radius;  
    }  
}  
  
public class Tester {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Circle circle = new Circle();  
        System.out.println(circle.getRadius());  
    }  
}
```



Constructor Chaining ...

- All the constructors in an object's inheritance tree must run when you make a new object.
- Can a Child exist before a parent?
 - The super constructors run to build out the superclass parts of the object first.
- For an object to be fully formed, all the superclass parts must be fully-formed, and that's why the super constructor *must* run.



Constructor Chaining ...

- What is the output?

```
class Product {  
    public Product() {  
        System.out.println("Product");  
    }  
}  
  
class Mobile extends Product {  
    public Mobile() {  
        System.out.println("Mobile");  
    }  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    new Mobile();  
}
```



Constructor Chaining ...

- Invoking super class constructor using super()

```
public class Product {  
    private int productId;  
    private String name;  
    private double price;  
  
    public Product() {  
    }  
  
    public Product(int productId, String name, double price) {  
        this.productId = productId;  
        this.name = name;  
        this.price = price;  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Television extends Product {  
    private String screenType;  
    private String screenSize; // in inches  
  
    public Television() {  
    }  
  
    public Television(int productId, String name, double price,  
        String screenType, String screenSize) {  
        super(productId, name, price);  
        this.screenType = screenType;  
        this.screenSize = screenSize;  
    }  
}
```



